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ABOUT THE COVER

(Top left) June De Leon (standing), Guam CEDDERS Associate Director, co-facilitated GDOE's three-hour sessions entitled "Spring 2016 Guam MSAA Results and Data Interpretation" with 34 elementary school administrators and teachers on October 27, 2016, and 17 secondary school administrators, teachers, and consulting resource teachers (CRTs) on October 31, 2016. (Top right) A mother comforts her newborn baby boy while hearing screening is in process using the ABR equipment during a special Outpatient Hearing Rescreen Clinic. The clinic took place on August 28, 2016 at the University of Guam, Dean's Circle House 21. (Bottom left) Guam System For Assistive Technology (GSAT) AT Coordinator, Leah Abelon, demonstrated the use of various AT devices on January 18-19, 2017 for 82 students from the Guam Community College's American Sign Language classes. (Bottom right) Students from GCC American Sign Language (ASL) class staged a flash mob around the Center Court using sign language to the song "Can't Stop The Feeling" by Justin Timberlake during the 23rd GSAT Fair at the Micronesia Mall on March 4, 2017.

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Participants engaged in an energizer led by Jenika Ballesta & Vera Blaz, Guam CEDDERS staffers, during the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation & Planning Forum held on May 19, 2017.

ABOUT GUAM CEDDERS

MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with individuals with disabilities and their families, agencies, organizations, and service providers, Guam CEDDERS creates pathways that enhance, improve, and support the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

MANHIHITA HUMÅT'SA I TELLAI - BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER

The Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council, which met quarterly to ensure that the Core goals and objectives are addressed and provided input on strategies included in the organization's Work Plan. The Council also provided input on emerging issues, trends, and concerns faced by individuals with disabilities and their families. Other Advisory Councils that fall within the Guam CEDDERS framework and play an integral role in determining the path taken by various projects in the organization include the:

- Guam System for Assistive Technology Advisory Board
- Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council
- Project Tinituhon (Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System) Strategic Management Team

GUAM CEDDERS STAFF WERE ALSO MEMBERS OF NUMEROUS COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES INCLUDING:

- Advisory Council for the new U24 - Pacific Island Cohort on Cardiometabolic Health (PICCAH)
- Administration on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Project Advisory Committee
- Akudi Loan Review Committee
- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Planning Committee
- Guam ADA Commemoration Planning Committee
- Guam Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities (GAPSD)
- Guam Developmental Disabilities Council
- Guam Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Advisory Council
- Guam Early Learning Council
- Guam Head Start Health Advisory Committee
- Guam Legal Services Corporation - Disability Law Center, Protection & Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
- Guam Interagency Coordinating Council
- Guam State Rehabilitation Advisory Board
- Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT)
- IES Research Alliance
- National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month Planning Committee
- Pacific Islands Microcredit Institute Board
- Project Bisita I Familia Advisory Committee, Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS)
- Karinu Community Evaluation Advisory Team, DPHSS



Barbara Johnson, Self-Advocate, (seated center) provided her input during the Tri-Agency Disability Summit's "Session 1: What is Working?" on May 30, 2017. Looking on are Margarita Gay, RN (left), Department of Public Health and Social Services Maternal Child Health Administrator and Marie Wustig (right), Guam CEDDERS Training Associate and Guam EHD Project Coordinator, and Table 1 Summit Recorder.

CORE FUNCTIONS

This 2017 Annual Report features Guam CEDDERS activities conducted during the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, the fourth year of the five-year cycle of the Guam CEDDERS Core grant. Aligned with the Center's Five-Year Work Plan, the activities are reported by the Guam CEDDERS' Core Function clusters, which include:

- Interdisciplinary Pre-Service Preparation; Continuing Education; Community Services: Training
- Community Services: Technical Assistance, Model Services, Demonstration Services
- Research/Evaluation; Information Dissemination

Activities and projects under the Guam CEDDERS' Core Functions are also aligned with the University of Guam's Core Commitments of:

- Enhancing Academic Quality, Enrollment Growth, Retention, Institutional Visibility
- Promoting the Land-Grant Mission of Community Engagement
- Strengthening Institutional Efficiency and Effectiveness



Christina Jung (right), Guam EHD Hearing Screening Facilitator, conducts a hearing screening on a newborn baby using the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) device on April 28, 2017. The screening was held at the University of Guam, Dean's Circle House 21.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION; CONTINUING EDUCATION; COMMUNITY SERVICES: TRAINING



Norine Guzman, Consulting Resource Teacher-Technical Assistance (CRT-TA); and Liz Blas, Early Intervention Speech Pathologist, Guam Department of Education (GDOE), Division of Special Education Cohort #2 members engage in review activities during the Autism Diagnostics Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2) training conducted January 9-13, 2017 facilitated by Irina Zamora, Psy.D. from the University of Southern California, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (USC-CHLA).

Educating Pacific Island Clinicians in Speech Language Pathology (EPICS)

The EPICS Project, a personnel preparation project funded by a grant from the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) awarded to San Jose' State University (SJSU), in collaboration with Guam CEDDERS, completed activities under Year 2 of its Work Plan. The EPICS scholars, who come from a range of undergraduate backgrounds, have completed their undergraduate prerequisite courses and will start their coursework to work towards a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology in Fall 2017. Of the 19 scholars in the project, 16 are from Guam and the remaining 3 are from Saipan, CNMI.

Practicum Students

As one approach to increase awareness of the field of services and supports for individuals with disabilities and their families, Guam CEDDERS served as a practicum site in Fall 2016 for a University of Guam senior majoring in psychology. Guam CEDDERS also had a practicum student from Guam Community College in Spring 2017 who was fulfilling internship requirements for an Associate degree in Human Services.

Staff also participated in the Social Work Practicum Fair to publicize the availability of Guam CEDDERS as a potential placement for social work majors to meet their one academic year requirement for practicum experience. Two students were selected and will begin their full year practicum placement in Fall 2017.



EPICS Scholars gather for a photo during a break from Summer classes. (L-R:) Front Row (kneeling): Gabriella Duenas, Meagan Merfalen, Ignacio Dela Cruz, Aileen Serrano, Bobbie Avelana. Second Row: Diane Supido, Cassandra Dimla, Megan Terlaje, Lillian Reyes, Tricia Tatiana, Camille Onglao, Liahanni Cruz, Catherine Ruszala, and Jean Jackson, CCC-SLP, Professor. Third Row: Jasmin Advani, John Payne, Lisa Ecalvea, Christina Cole, Tatiana Perez, and JJ Mendiola.



Guam CEDDERS participated in the University of Guam Annual Social Work Department Practicum Fair held on Friday, May 5. The purpose of the Fair is to allow senior level Social Work (SW) students, an opportunity to learn more about the range of community services providing social services supports and programs as they consider their choices for possible practicum placement during Academic Year 2017-18. Seated (L-R) are: Chelsea Resurreccion, SW Student; Terrie Fejarang, Guam CEDDERS, Associate Director; and Tanya Simer, SW student.

Guam Department of Education (GDOE)

Guam CEDDERS continued to provide technical assistance and training to GDOE in support of their efforts to improve educational programs and services. During this period, there were four priorities for program improvement:

State Systemic Improvement Project: With local consultants, Guam CEDDERS, in collaboration with the Wisconsin School District of Menomonee Falls (SDMF), continued facilitation of professional development (PD) sessions and school-level support with for the four GDOE State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP) participating elementary schools: Chief Brodie, Juan M. Guerrero, M.U. Lujan, and Price Elementary Schools.

The focus of the technical support to the four elementary schools was on the development and implementation of the continuous improvement framework for increasing reading achievement in the early grades, which included support on teaching reading foundational skills, utilizing reading assessment tools and data, and developing and implementation the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) improvement cycle.

Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports

(PBIS): With local consultants, Guam CEDDERS provided technical support to the Department in their efforts to implement, expand, and sustain PBIS in all GDOE schools. PBIS is a framework or approach for assisting school personnel in adopting and organizing evidence-based behavioral interventions into an integrated continuum that enhances academic and social behavior outcomes for all students. (PBIS Frequently Asked Questions, 2010, www.pbis.org) The PBIS framework benefits students with disabilities as members of the educational community, which is a system framework for improving academic and social behavioral outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities.

Technical support included building capacity within GDOE to implement PBIS assessment tools, such as the Team Implementation Checklist (TIC), School Safety Survey (SSS), Self-Assessment Survey (SAS), and the School-Wide Information System (SWIS), to inform decisions to improve school climate. In addition, technical support was provided for the development of the district coaches to support schools with their PBIS implementation.



GDOE, Division of Special Education Cohort #1 early intervention and special education personnel, representing an interdisciplinary team, received their Western Psychological Services (WPS) Certificate of Completion for meeting all training requirements to administer, score, and interpret the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)-2. Cohort #1 members (pictured L-R): Gajee Parsons, Early Intervention Provider; Nicole Duenas, Speech Pathologist; Yolanda Gabriel, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Special Education; Marita Gogue, School Psychologist; and Jessica Atoigue, Consulting Resource Teacher - Technical Assistance Provider. Cohort #1 member not shown is Tricia Taitague, Emotional Disabilities Program Coordinator.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) Part B & Part C

Programs: With local consultants, Guam CEDDERS facilitated prioritized technical assistance for the Departments IDEA Part B and Part C Programs in support of their efforts to improve functional outcomes and educational results for children and youth with disabilities. The areas of focus for support included:

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of the Part B and Part C Annual Performance Reports (APRs), inclusive of the State System Improvement Plans. In addition, training sessions were conducted on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) system implementation.
- Implementation of the Part B and Part C annual parent surveys and parent training series.
- Implementation of prioritized training in the low-incidence disability areas, such as deaf/hard of hearing, visual impairments, autism spectrum disorders, and social-emotional challenges.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System (CNMI PSS)

Guam CEDDERS continued to provide on-site and off-site training and technical assistance support to the CNMI PSS IDEA Part B and Part C Programs on the development, implementation, and evaluation of CNMI's Part B and Part C Annual Performance Reports, inclusive of the State Systemic Improvement Plans.

Republic of Palau (ROP) Special Education Program, IDEA Part B

Guam CEDDERS continued to provide on-site and off-site training and technical assistance support to the ROP IDEA Part B Program on the development, implementation, and evaluation of ROP's Part B Annual Performance Report, inclusive of the State Systemic Improvement Plan. In addition, on-site technical support was provided in support of improving services and supports in the areas of physical therapy services and emotional challenges.

Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Special Education Program, IDEA Part B:

Guam CEDDERS continued to provide on-site and off-site training and technical assistance support to the FSM IDEA Part B Program on the development, implementation, and evaluation of FSM's Part B Annual Performance Report, inclusive of the State Systemic Improvement Plan. In addition, on-site training was provided in support of improving services and supports in the early childhood outcomes area.

Project Tinituhon

Project Tinituhon, Guam's State Early Childhood Comprehensive System's Project, supported through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Services Resource Administration (HRSA), completed its carryover and final year during

this project period. Activities this past year focused on continued support of the implementation of the Island-Wide Developmental and Behavioral Screening System (IDBSS) to promote the developing monitoring of young children. Training sessions on the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaires Third Edition (ASQ-3) were facilitated by project staff for child care center directors and staff. In addition, the Head Start Program adopted the ASQ-3 as their developmental screening tool. Head Start now joins the other Guam early childhood serving programs in using this research-based tool for screening infants and young children for developmental delays during the crucial first five years of life. Public awareness and outreach activities were also conducted to promote the importance of monitoring the development of young children.



GDOE, Division of Special Education Cohort #2 members engage in review activities during the Autism Diagnostics Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2) training conducted January 9-13, 2017 facilitated by Irina Zamora, Psy.D. from the University of Southern California, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (USC-CHLA). Dr. Zamora's January 2017 on-site training visit was the first of three visits, with off-site consultation between visits to support Cohort #2 members' knowledge and skills development on appropriate screening and assessments for identifying children with autism spectrum disorders. Cohort #2 members shown above are (L-R) Christine Hernandez, Consulting Resource Teacher-Technical Assistance (CRT-TA); Marie Wessling, CRT-TA; and Anna Perez, Social Worker.



On October 27, 2016, Elaine Eclavea, Guam CEDDERS Consultant, provided training and technical assistance on family coaching and strategies for documenting progress monitoring with the CNMI Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Core Team. The team also reviewed the child outcome data of the Part C SSIP – State Identified Measurable Results (SIMR).



Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) stakeholders take a group photo with Guam CEDDERS, University of Oregon, and Sigma Associates Partners staff during training held in Yap State, FSM, March 6-10, 2017.



On May 27, Vera Blaz (standing), Guam CEDDERS Training Associate, facilitated a workshop on how to use the Guam Early Learning Guidelines to help nurture children's growth and development. Sixty-four child care directors and providers attended the training that was held at Guam Community College and conducted in collaboration with Joe Montague, Child Care Development Fund Program Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Social Services.

Interdisciplinary Pre-Service Preparation; Continuing Education; Community Services: Training

- CNMI PSS IDEA Part B & C
- FSM Project Realize, Empower, and Apply Locally (REAL) V
- Guam CEDDERS Core Grant
- Guam DOE Character Education Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Guam DOE Part B & C
- Guam DOE State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP)
- Palau Part B
- Project EPICS: Educating Pacific Island Clinicians in Speech-Language Pathology
- Project Tinituhon Phase III MCH-SECCS/Building Health Through Integration

COMMUNITY SERVICES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MODEL SERVICES, DEMONSTRATION SERVICES



Attendees confer with John Guiao, GSAT staff member (right), for information on specific Assistive Technology (AT) devices during the AT Fair held on March 4 at Micronesia Mall.

Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT)

Each year, the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Advisory Council forms an Assistive Technology (AT) Fair and Conference Committee to plan these annual events. What started with four members, grew to a group of 17 that included individuals with disabilities, family members, and service provider representatives. The primary focus of these two events is to increase public awareness about assistive technology and the positive impact AT can have for persons with disabilities. To many, the Fair and Conference are familiar annual events that connect with individuals who are blind, have low vision, are deaf or hard of hearing, have a mobility impairment, learning, or intellectual disability. Both events are spearheaded by GSAT and Guam CEDDERS, with Tri-Agency support from the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council and Guam Legal Services Corporation - Disability Law Center. Additional contributions are made by the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Guam Department of Education.

Akudi: Assistive Technology (AT) Loan Program

The Akudi Loan Program, is a collaborative project administered by the Guam CEDDERS' Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) in collaboration with the Pacific Microcredit Institute (PIMI) and Bank of

Guam. Akudi offers low interest loans to qualified Guam residents with disabilities to purchase assistive technology devices. It also provides loans to individuals on Guam with disabilities who want to start their own business or expand on existing business and need funding for equipment, supplies, inventory, and other related services. This specialized type of funding provides individuals with disabilities alternative options and empowerment to promoting independence and starting up their own businesses.



GSAT by the Numbers: 2016-2017

# of Akudi Loans (Former GOAL-AT & GGT)	7
# of Short-Term Device Loans	53
# of AT Device Demonstrations	19
# of Information Assistance provided	222
Estimated # of individuals reached through Public Awareness Activities	207,064



The GSAT Advisory Council held its quarterly General Membership meeting on April 18, 2017. (Standing, L-R): Christina Jung, CEDDERS Research Associate; Lee Perez; Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator; Kirsten Rosario, Sign Language Interpreter; Rosanne Ada, GDDC Director; Phyllis Topasna, GDOL/AJC Representative; Lou Mesa, Secretary; Naomi Sanchez, GLSC-DLC Representative; Nichol Napoleon, GDOE Representative; Jude Ogo; Jeff Warfield, DISID/DVR, DSS Representative; Barbara Johnson, Vice Chairperson; Dawn Maka, Member at Large. (Sitting: L-R) Tom Manglona; Victor Tuquero; Josephine Cortez, Member at Large; and Rudy Ignacio, Chairperson.

Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Project Bisita I Familia

Guam CEDDERS continued to provide technical assistance and training to DPHSS in support of their efforts to improve early childhood education and health programs and services. Guam CEDDERS also provided facilitation services for one adult program.

From September through November 2016, Project Bisita I Familia staff and families attended several training opportunities. Project Bisita is a Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program funded by the Human Resources and Services Administration and administered on Guam by the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Home Visitors provide FREE services using strategies that support women during pregnancy and after birth by promoting the importance of prenatal care, well-baby check-ups, help parents with positive parenting skills, and provide information about child development, health, and safety. The Bisita staff must attend trainings on specific topics that are required by their home visiting model, Healthy Families America.

Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDl)

The Guam EHDl - Rikohi Project, supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) came to an end during this Core reporting period. Activities focused

on continued enhancement and strengthening of Guam's Universal Newborn Hearing Screening system.

The Guam EHDl Project supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) focused on data collection, tracking and surveillance. Efforts relating to tracking and surveillance concentrated on identifying children who were "lost to follow" to ensure that follow up screening and evaluations were conducted as needed.

A new cycle of funding from HRSA was received to support EHDl new goals. Titled Guam EHDl - Project Fitme (strong in the Chamorro language), these new goals focus on supporting system enhancement, increasing health professionals' engagement and learning within the EHDl system, improving access to early intervention services and language acquisition, and improving family engagement, partnership, and leadership within the EHDl program and systems.

Guam EHDl Project Fitme

Project Fitme will continue to support Guam EHDl to strengthen the system of supports, with the overall goal being to support the development of a statewide program and system of care that ensures that deaf or hard of hearing children are identified through newborn and infant hearing screening and receive evaluation, diagnosis and appropriate intervention that optimize their language, literacy, and social-emotional development. The program goals are: 1) Increase health professionals' engagement within the EHDl



The Guam EHDl Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting on December 13, 2016. Attending were: (Front Row, Left to Right) Pamela Sablan, Unit Supervisor NICU GRMC; Julia Flores; Joyce Tejerasas, Parent, Co-Chairperson; Renee Koffend, Aud., CCC-A, Guam CEDDERS Audiologist Consultant; Margarita Gay, Chairperson, Project Bisita I Familia Project Director; Valerie Meno, Head Nurse, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Labor & Delivery; Bing Opena, Head Nurse, GMHA Nursery; and Ruth Sabangan, Head Nurse, GMHA NICU. (Back Row, Left to Right) Marivic Guiao, Head Nurse, GMHA OB Ward; Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero, Guam Champion Pediatrician; Glenda Leon Guerrero, Maternal Child Nurse Manager, Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC); Lina Leon Guerrero, Manager, Sagua Mañagu; Camille Glory, Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC); Terrie Fejarang, Project Coordinator, Guam EHDl; Britney Babauta, Unit Secretary Labor & Delivery, GRMC; Jenika Ballesta, Research Associate, Guam CEDDERS; Christina Jung, Research Associate, Guam CEDDERS; Lt. Kyle Shepard, Audiologist, United States Naval Hospital Guam; LeeAnn Santos, Speech-Language Pathologist EDIS; Edmund Cruz, Program Coordinator Parent Agency Network; JJ Mendiola, Interoperability Data Manager, Guam EHDl; and Marie Wusstig, Training Associate, Guam EHDl.

system; 2) Improve access to early intervention services and language acquisition; and 3) Improve family engagement, partnership, and leadership within the EHDI program and system. With adequate supports in place, families, health professionals and educational professionals will work collaboratively to ensure children and families receive the services necessary to optimize the child's language, literacy and social-emotional development.

AMCHP/Act Early Learn the Signs Project

Under this project, Guam CEDDERS began targeted efforts to promote increased public awareness of the importance of early identification of children with autism. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Association of Maternal Child Health Programs (AMCHP), activities under this initiative include promotion of developmental screening and learning the signs commonly associated with autism spectrum disorders.



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RESEARCH/EVALUATION; INFORMATION DISSEMINATION



The owners and staff of Procreate, a specialty shop that caters to parents of newborns, is an active partner in the dissemination of information developed by the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDI) Project relating to the importance of early hearing screening and early intervention services. Shown above are (L-R): Elisa Arevalo, Procreate store owner; Tanya Robinson, Procreate store manager; and Marie Wusstig, Guam CEDDERS Training Associate and Guam EHDI Project Coordinator.

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Joseph Mendiola, Guam CEDDERS Interoperability Data Manager, conducted training on December 29, 2016 on accessing the Guam ChildLink – EHDl database for service coordinators from the Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS), Guam Department of Education, Division of Special Education. Shown here, right to left are Mr. Mendiola, and GEIS service coordinators Mike Cepeda, Therese Sanchez, R-Leen Mario, Fran Camacho, and Evangeline Ojeda (back to camera).

ChildLink (EHDl, Bisita, Kariñu, LAUNCH)

With its inception focused on collecting data for the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDl) project, Guam ChildLink serves as a model database system that has evolved into having affiliate databases serving the needs of Project Bisita I Familia, Guam's Home Visiting Project and Project Kariñu, a project that provides services and supports for young children with behavioral challenges under the age of 8 years. Project Bisita and Kariñu are both under the Department of Public Health and Social Services, which contracts Guam CEDDERS to develop and enhance these two databases for data collection and analysis.

Project LAUNCH

On May 19, 2017, Guam CEDDERS facilitated the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation and Planning Forum. The Forum had three goals: (1) to reflect on the state of young child wellness; (2) review the status of ongoing system change initiatives; and (3) identify priorities for continued systems building. Sponsored by Guam LAUNCH and Project Tinituhon, this event brought together 35 stakeholders representing child serving agencies, parents of children with disabilities and family support groups, the Rigalu

Foundation, and private childcare providers. The majority of participants had served as members of Project Tinituhon's Strategic Management Teams (SMTs) and shared a long history of working together on behalf of young children and their families. However as a group, they had not met in nearly a year. The Forum provided an important opportunity for them to reconnect with each other and to recommit to working together to bring about early childhood systems change.

A particular focus of the Forum was to get stakeholder input into the revision of the Guam LAUNCH Environmental Scan and Early Childhood State Plan. As part of this process, participants were provided with updated information on the state of young child wellness. Preliminary data from 2015 and 2016 related to child and maternal health, developmental and social emotional screening; and children's participation in early care and education programs was shared with participants who then discussed the findings and identified additional data that they would like to see included in the updated documents.

The Forum also provided an opportunity for participants to review the status of ongoing early

childhood initiatives and discuss how to move forward with their workgroups. Through large and small group discussions, participants reviewed activities across four areas: (1) early promotion and identification; (2) social emotional wellness (3) early learning; and (4) parent engagement and support. As a result of these discussions, participants identified priority initiatives for each area, identified workgroup facilitators and recommitted to participating in regularly scheduled workgroup meetings.

CORE: Tri-Agency Disability Summit

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Tri-Agency Network facilitated the 2017 Disability Summit on May 30 at the Westin Resort Guam. Sponsored by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC), the Protection and Advocacy Program with Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center

(GLSC-DLC), and Guam CEDDERS, 76 community stakeholders including persons with disabilities, parents and family members, and staff attended the whole day event. Next steps will include processing the information received and compiling it into a resource document, facilitating smaller group input sessions, and presentation of information to policymakers and agency leaders.

Developed Products

Development of products and information dissemination are core functions that received much attention during this reporting period. Promoting increased awareness of early childhood development and services and supports for people with disabilities were goals of the following products developed during this period.

Guam CEDDERS developed **23** new products this fiscal year. A total of **24,607** products were disseminated during this Fiscal Year.

Guam CEDDERS products are available for download at www.guamcedders.org.

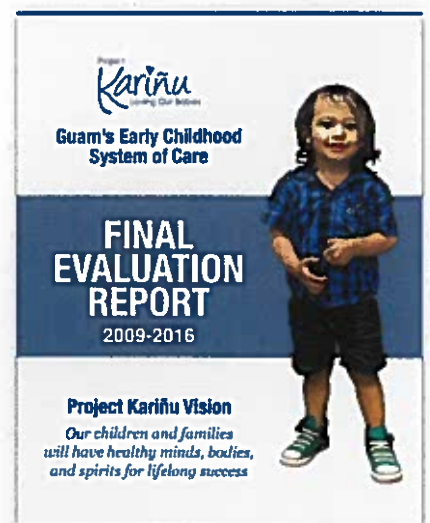
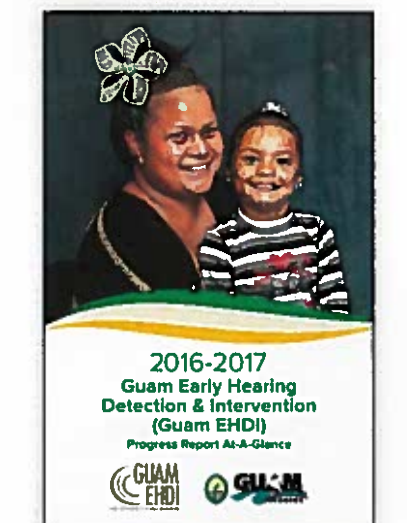
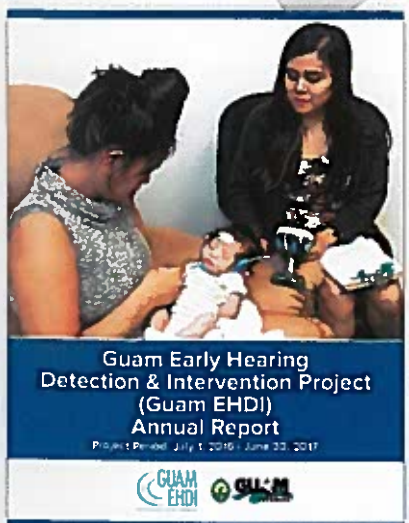
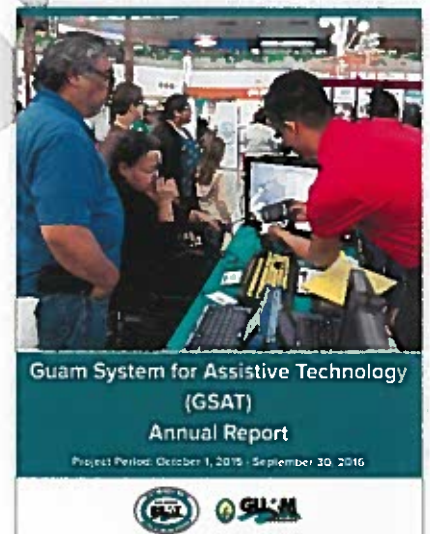
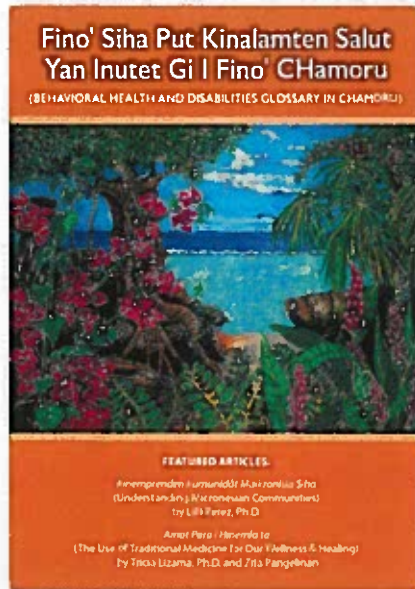
Research/Evaluation Information Dissemination

- CDC: Guam EHDI -- IS Guam Child Link
- Core: Tri-Agency Disability Summit
- Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health)
- Advocacy TV Commercials for Parent Organizations



PBS Guam and Ron's Diner assisted in filming scenes for "Ta Fan Acompreni: Communicating with People with Disabilities," on June 8, 2016. Pictured at the table from left to right: Moses Puas, Self-Advocate; Christina Cabrera, Ron's Diner Representative; and Wansesty Yalismwar, Personal Care Attendant.

DEVELOPED PRODUCTS



COLLABORATING PARTNERS

COLLABORATING UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

California State University, Northridge
Post- Secondary Education Program
Network for Students & Adults Who Are
Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Georgetown University, Center for Child
and Human Development, National
Technical Assistance Center for Children's
Mental Health

Guam Community College

San Diego State University
Interwork Institute

San Jose State University

University of Hawaii, College of Education
Telecommunication and Social Informatics
(TASI) Research Program

University of Massachusetts-Boston
Northeast Regional Center for Vision
Education

University of Minnesota National Center on
Educational Outcomes

University of South Florida, Department of
Child and Family Studies

University of Southern California

Utah State University-National Center on
Hearing Assessment & Management

Vanderbilt University Center on Social
Emotional Development & Early Learning



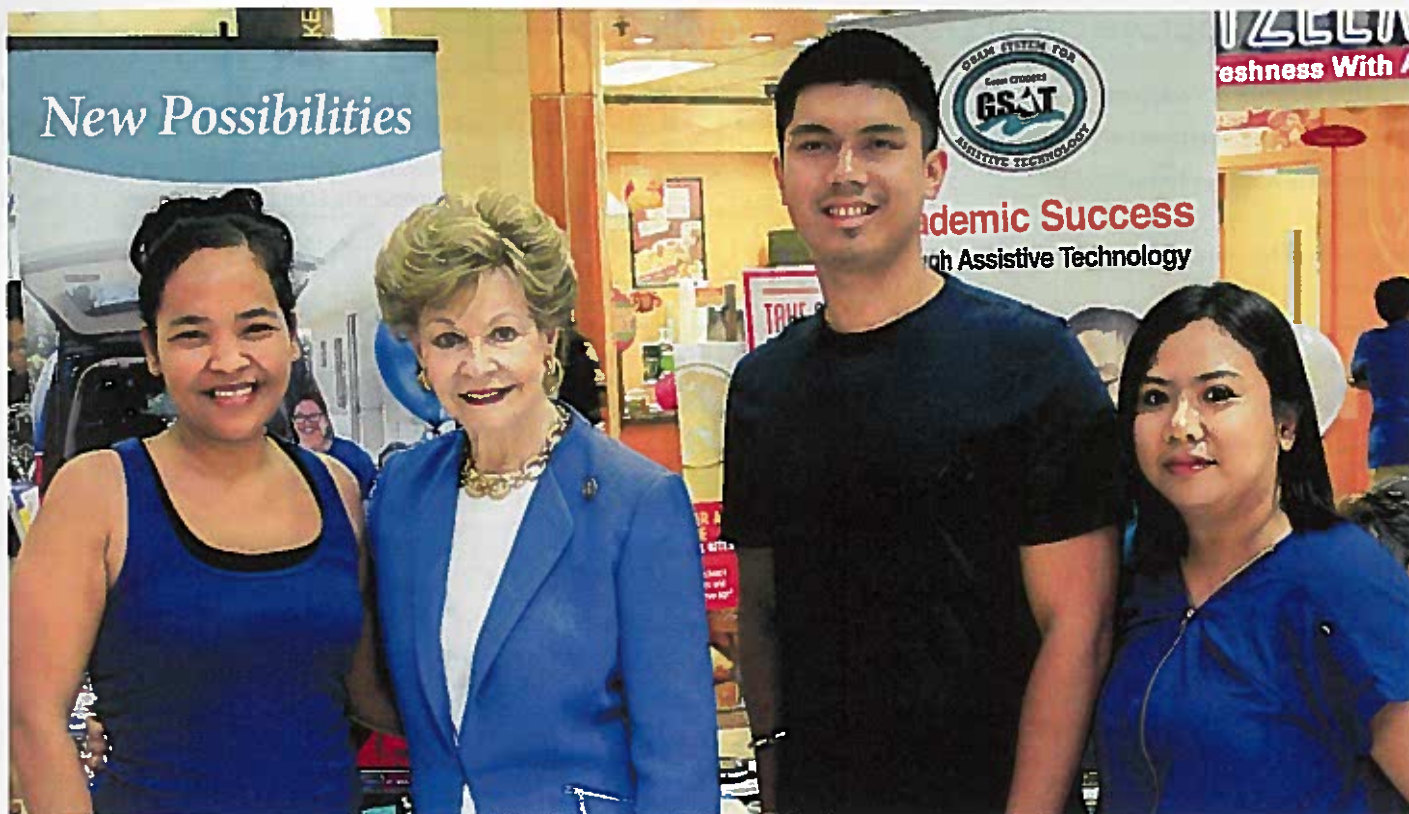
Sue Lee (left), Education Consultant from the Wisconsin School District of Menomonee Falls, facilitated training on the "Continuous Improvement Roadmap for Improving Reading Achievement" for GDOE on August 15, 2016.



Verna Chinen, M.A., CCC-SLP (standing) responds to a question during a two-day GDOE, Division of Special Education professional development session for related service personnel conducted on August 15 & 16, 2016.



Guam CEDDERS facilitated a webinar presented by Donna McNear, Vision Instruction Consultant (shown on screen) for Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS), GDOE, Division of Special Education Part C. Attending the webinar from left to right, clockwise, were Liz Blas, Joanie Manibusan, Gajee Parsons, Cookie Treltas, and Rosie Tkaczuk on August 3, 2016.



The Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) participated in the 10th Annual Autism Awareness Fair held on April 8, 2017 at the Agana Shopping Center. Pictured (L-R): Sylvia Duenas, Guam Community College Human Services Practicum Student; The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Congresswoman; John Guiao, GSAT Office Assistant; and Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator.

GUAM COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Agency for Human Resources
Development

Alee Shelter

Autism Communities Together

Catholic Social Services

Center for Independent Living
Council

Culture and Language Access
Service Partners

Department of Defense
Educational Activity

Department of Youth Affairs

Educational Developmental
Intervention Services, U.S. Naval
Hospital, Guam

Guam Behavioral Health and
Wellness Center

Guam Child Care Development
Association

Guam Coalition Against Sexual
Assault & Family Violence

Guam Community College

Guam Department of Education

Guam Department of Homeland
Security - Office of Civil Defense

Guam Department of Integrated
Services for Individuals with
Disabilities

Guam Department of Labor

Guam Department of Public
Health & Social Services

Guam Department of Public
Works

Guam Department of Vocational
Rehabilitation

Guam Department of Youth
Affairs

Guam Developmental Disabilities
Council

Guam Early Learning Council

Guam EHD Family Support Group

Guam Homeless Coalition

Guam Housing & Urban
Renewal Authority

Guam Interagency Coordinating
Council

Guam Legal Services
Corporation - Disability Law
Center

Guam Legislature

Guam Medical Society

Guam Memorial Hospital
Authority

Guam Office of Minority Health

Guam Positive Parents Together

Guam Regional Medical City

Guam Regional Transit Authority

Guam Salvation Army

Guam Surgicenter

Guam Veterans Affairs Office

Head Start

Judiciary of Guam

Mayors' Council of Guam

Office of the Attorney General
of Guam

Office of the First Lady of Guam

Office of the Governor of Guam

Office of the Lieutenant
Governor of Guam

Office of the Public Guardian

Parents Empowering Parents

Supreme Court of Guam

Sagua Mañagu Birthing Center

SiñA: Self-Advocates in Action

Small Business Development
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Council

Victim Advocates Reaching Out

OTHER COLLABORATORS

American Academy of Pediatrics
 American Samoa Department of Education
 Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities
 Children's Hospital - Los Angeles
 Boystown Center for Deafness
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 Center for Assistive Technology Act Data Assistance
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 Mid-Continent Research for Education & Learning, CO
 National Center and State Collaborative
 National Center for Special Education Accountability & Monitoring
 National Child Care Information & Technical Assistance Center
 National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
 National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
 National Governor's Association
 National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative @ Zero to Three
 National Information System for Assistive Technology (NISAT)

National Instruction Materials Accessibility Center
 National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards, TA Center
 Pacific Resources for Education & Learning
 Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health)
 Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Education
 Republic of Palau Ministry of Education
 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health
 WestEd (Doing What Works)



June De Leon, Guam CEDDERS Associate Director, facilitated the "Spring 2016 Multi-State Alternate Assessment Results and Data Interpretation" work session for 34 GDOE elementary teachers and school administrators on October 27, 2016. Special Education Teachers having fun while engaged in the activity included (L-R) Helene Cruz, Adacao Elementary; Joann Susuico, Marcial Sablan Elementary; Patty Castro, MU Lujan Elementary; and Eleanor Quichocho (standing behind Patty), Chief Brodie Elementary.

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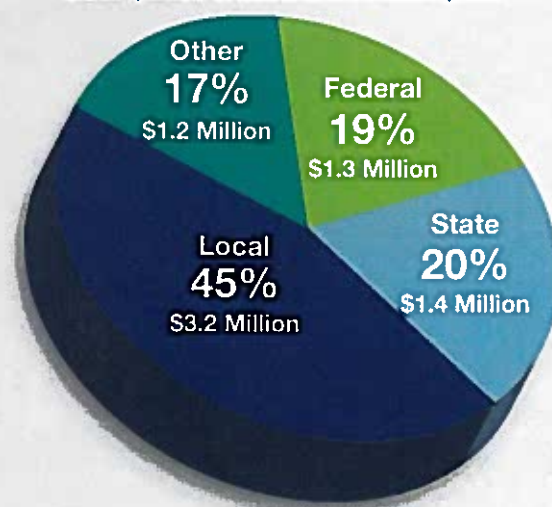
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